

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2002

Present: Corey, Jessen, Johnson, Mehigh, Runyan, Sanderson, Wagner.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Judy Horton; Pat Yott, Nichole Smolinski, City Treasurer; Steve Kirnovic, Abraham & Gaffney; Doug Hetfield; Jerry Klingler; Jeff Hetfield; Corunna Girls Little League Softball Team #2, Shirley Sanderson; Bob Ockerman; Dick Sanderson; Helen Granger, The Independent; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2002 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Runyan moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Mayor Corey read and presented a proclamation to Jeffrey Hetfield, Dean VanLoon and Jim Mattis, Girls Little League Softball Team #2 Coaches, recognizing the Girls Little League Softball Team #2's effort in bringing home the Championship Trophy to Corunna. Mayor Corey presented each team member with a certificate.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Steve Kirnovic from Abraham & Gaffney reviewed and explained the city's audit. The city has received an unqualified or clean opinion, which is the best possible opinion an auditor can give. He further explained the opinion states that everything is in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. He also explained the city has an unreserved/undesignated fund equity in the amount of

\$495,000, which is the amount the city has available for future year expenditures. The amount to have in the fund equity is eight to 12 percent of the annual expenditures and the city has 30 percent, which is what the city had last year. Mr. Kirnovic advised there was one fund that ended in a deficit, which was the Cemetery Fund, and it was suggested that this fund be reviewed at year-end to ensure there is no deficit situation in the future. Mr. Sawyer advised the Softball Commission is on a different fiscal year so it will not be done for a few months. He further advised he has a copy of the Fourth of July, Historical Commission, and Downtown Development Authority audits in his office if anyone wants to see them. He also advised the city has a very healthy fund balance, which the city has had for quite a number of years. The city's job is to provide services or lower taxes and not to hoard money. Mr. Sawyer stated the city has a lot of projects and issues ahead so it is important to keep this in mind. Johnson moved, Jessen seconded to accept the audit as presented by Abraham & Gaffney for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Dick Sanderson asked when the manhole cover at McNeil Street and Bachus Street would be fixed. It has been almost two years, and he has been given two answers but nothing is being done. Joe Sawyer advised the manhole was discovered under the concrete, and the concrete had to be chipped away to get access to it. He further advised Mr. Sanderson has been to city hall several times to request that something be done to the manhole. Mr. Sanderson has a valid concern because cars and trucks hit the manhole, which causes noise. He also advised a work order was put in last week to repair the situation, but the manhole has been a real nightmare since the city cannot buy a ring that is one and one-half inches thick to bring the manhole to road level. The manhole rings are two inches thick and if this ring is placed on the manhole, one-half inch would be above street level, which will make plowing snow a hazard.

REVIEW PROPOSED FENCE ORDINANCE REVISIONS, ORDINANCE 02-13: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to set a public hearing for November 18, 2002 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 02-13, revisions to the fence ordinance.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Jessen, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF BARB PARKS FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION: Jessen moved, Johnson seconded to accept the resignation of Barb Parks from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective January 1, 2003 with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehigh, Runyan, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Sanderson stated there was no police report

again this month so he does not know what has been going on in the city. Mr. Sawyer advised he would see that the police reports are caught up. Councilperson Sanderson stated he would like the two new businesses in the city to get some publicity. Mr. Sawyer advised the chamber of commerce does not do a ribbon cutting unless the business joins the chamber. He further advised the minimum membership fee for the chamber of commerce is \$190 per year unless the business is non-profit, which is a chunk of money for a small business. He also advised he has spoken with Councilperson Sanderson about doing a city ribbon cutting ceremony.

Councilperson Johnson asked what the city is doing about the big tree in the river. Mr. Sawyer advised the tree just fell down a few days ago, and it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the tree. He further advised he would contact the homeowner and encourage them to remove the tree from the river.

Councilperson Mehig stated he enjoyed working at the Halloween Party and the kids seemed to have a very good time.

Mayor Corey advised the Corunna cross-country, soccer and football teams have done exceptional this year. He encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday. Mayor Corey stated he read somewhere that the city is paying the airport \$3,400 a year. He further stated when he and Mr. Sawyer were on the airport board, the city was paying \$2,650, and an eight or ten-year payoff plan for operating expenses was approved. Mayor Corey also stated he got off the airport board in 1997, but the city is now paying more money. Mayor Corey advised he was not against the airport, but since the airport sold their front property, he was curious as to what is happening to the spend down proposal that was approved for the airport. Mr. Sawyer advised he would work with Dan Wagner to get a report from the airport board. Mr. Sawyer further advised when the new agreement was approved, the amount Corunna pays the airport went up, but the amount is suppose to decrease each year.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Mehig seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:53 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK